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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT AU PRINCE 1496

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS; HA

SUBJECT: FOREIGN SECRETARY'S COMMENT ON NEW FIRE IN NATIONAL  
PALACE

1. DURING A MEETING ON OTHER MATTERS AUGUST 30, FONSEC RAYMOND  
THANKED ME FOR MY TELEPHONE CALL DURING THE NEW FIRE AT THE  
NATIONAL PALACE AUGUST 29 AND REITERATED THAT THIS WAS A  
MINOR FIRE, QUICKLY EXTINGUISHED. HE SAID THE PALACE  
ELECTRICAL WIRING WAS VERY OLD AND THAT THE ELECTRIC COMPANY  
WAS NOW PRODUCING MUCH "STRONGER" CURRENT THAN THE ORIGINAL  
WIRING HAD BEEN DESIGNED FOR. NOT INFREQUENTLY SECTIONS OF  
WIRING CAUGHT FIRE AS A RESULT AND THIS WAS WHAT HAD HAPPENED  
AT THE PALACE.

2. COMMENT: I HAVE AS YET NO OTHER INFORMATION ON THE FIRE,  
BUT SOME OBSERVERS MAY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO RECONCILE THE  
FOREGOING EXPLANATION WITH THE "MUSHROOM" COLUMN OF WHITE SMOKE  
WHICH THEY SAW RISE TO MORE THAN TWICE THE HEIGHT OF THE PALACE.  
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